

The Word “Power” as found in the Old Testament of the King James Version of the Holy Bible

There are 121 occurrences of the word “power”, or a derivative, found in the Old Testament, translated from 25 different Hebrew words.

’El, Hebrew Strong's #410, is a noun found 245 times, translated as God (213), god (16), power (4), mighty (5), goodly (1), great (1), idols (1), Immanuel + [<H6005>](#) (2), might (1), strong (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Genesis 31:29 –

It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.

Nehemiah 5:5 –

Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought unto bondage already: neither is it in our power to redeem them; for other men have our lands and vineyards.

Proverbs 3:27 –

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Micah 2:1 –

Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

Gebûrâ, Hebrew Strong's #1369, is a noun used 61 times, translated as might (27), strength (17), power (9), mighty acts (4), mighty (2), force (1), mastery (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

1 Chronicles 29:12 –

Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

Job 41:12 –

I will not conceal his parts, nor his power, nor his comely proportion.

Psalms 21:13 –

Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.

Psalms 65:6 –

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power:

Psalm 66:7 –

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah.

Psalm 71:18 –

Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Psalm 106:8 –

Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

Psalm 145:11 –

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

Zerôa', Hebrew Strong's #2220, is a noun used 91 times, translated as arm (83), power (3), shoulder (2), help (1), mighty (1), strength (1). It is translated as "power" in the following verses:

Psalm 79:11 –

Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die;

Ezekiel 17:9 –

Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither? it shall wither in all the leaves of her spring, even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

Ezekiel 22:6 –

Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.

Hayil, Hebrew Strong's #2428, is a noun used 243 times, translated as army (56), man of valour (37), host (29), forces (14), valiant (13), strength (12), riches (11), wealth (10), power (9), substance (8), might (6), strong (5), *miscellaneous translations* (33). It is translated as "power" in the following verses:

1 Samuel 9:1 –

Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

2 Samuel 22:33 –

God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

1 Chronicles 20:1 –

And it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it.

Esther 1:3 –

In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

Esther 8:11 –

Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

Job 21:7 –

Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?

Psalm 59:11 –

Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

Psalm 110:3 –

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Zechariah 9:4 –

Behold, the Lord will cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire.

Ḥayīl, Hebrew Strong's #2429, is a noun used 7 times, translated as aloud (3), army (2), power (1), most (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Ezra 4:23 –

Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power.

Ḥesēn, Hebrew Strong's #2632, is a noun used 2 times, translated as “power” in the following verses:

Daniel 2:37 –

Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

Daniel 4:30 –

The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?

Yād, Hebrew Strong's #3027, is a noun used 1615 times, translated as hand (1359), by (44), consecrate + [<H4390>](#) (14), him (14), power (12), them (11), places (8), tenons (6), thee (6), coast (6), side (5), *miscellaneous translations* (130). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Joshua 8:20 –

And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers.

2 Kings 19:26 –

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

Job 1:12 –

And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job 5:20 –

In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

Psalms 22:20 –

Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.

Psalms 49:15 –

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah.

Proverbs 18:21 –

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Isaiah 37:27 –

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

Isaiah 47:14 –

Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

Daniel 12:7 –

And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

Hosea 13:14 –

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

Yad, Hebrew Strong's #3028, is a noun used 17 times, translated as hand (16), power (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Daniel 6:27 –

He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Yākōl, Hebrew Strong's #3201, is a verb used 195 times, translated as could (46), able (43), cannot (34), prevail (22), may (16), can (12), canst (5), endure (2), might (2), *miscellaneous translations* (13). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Numbers 22:38 –

And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

Kōah, Hebrew Strong's #3581, is a noun used 126 times. It is translated as strength (58), power (47), might (7), force (3), ability (2), able (2), able + [<H6113>](#) (1), chameleon (1), fruits (1), powerful (1), substance (1), wealth (1), weary + [<H3019>](#) (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Genesis 31:6 –

And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

Exodus 9:16 –

And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

Exodus 15:6 –

Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Exodus 32:11 –

And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

Numbers 14:17 –

And now, I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying,

Deuteronomy 4:37 –

And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;

Deuteronomy 8:17 –

And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.

Deuteronomy 8:18 –

But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Deuteronomy 9:29 –

Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

Deuteronomy 32:36 –

For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

Joshua 17:17 –

And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot only:

1 Samuel 30:4 –

Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

2 Kings 17:36 –

But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

1 Chronicles 29:11 –

Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

2 Chronicles 14:11 –

And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee.

2 Chronicles 20:6 –

And said, O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?

2 Chronicles 22:9 –

And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom.

2 Chronicles 25:8 –

But if thou wilt go, do it, be strong for the battle: God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power to help, and to cast down.

2 Chronicles 26:13 –

And under their hand was an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

Psalm 29:3-4 –

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Psalm 111:6 –

He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

Psalm 147:5 –

Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 –

So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.

Nehemiah 1:10 –

Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.

Job 23:6 –

Will he plead against me with his great power? No; but he would put strength in me.

Job 24:22 –

He draweth also the mighty with his power: he riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

Job 26:2 –

How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

Job 26:12 –

He divideth the sea with his power, and by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.

Job 26:14 –

Lo, these are parts of his ways: but how little a portion is heard of him? but the thunder of his power who can understand?

Job 36:22 –

Behold, God exalteth by his power: who teacheth like him?

Job 37:23 –

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.

Isaiah 40:26 –

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Isaiah 40:29 –

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 50:2 –

Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

Jeremiah 10:12 –

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.

Jeremiah 27:5 –

I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

Jeremiah 32:17 –

Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Jeremiah 51:15 –

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

Daniel 8:6 –

And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power.

Daniel 8:7 –

And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.

Daniel 8:22 –

Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.

Daniel 8:24 –

And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

Daniel 11:6 –

And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

Daniel 11:25 –

And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

Micah 3:8 –

But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

Nahum 1:3 –

The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.

Nahum 2:1 –

He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.

Habakkuk 1:11 –

Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.

Zechariah 4:6 –

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Kap, Hebrew Strong's #3709, is a noun used 192 times, translated as hand (128), spoon (24), sole (19), palm (5), hollow (3), handful (2), apiece (1), branches (1), breadth + [H4096](#) (1), clouds (1), *miscellaneous translations* (7). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Habakkuk 2:9 –

Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

Memshālâ, Hebrew Strong's #4475, is a noun used 17 times, translated as dominion (10), rule (4), dominion + [H3027](#) (1), government (1), power (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

2 Chronicles 32:9 –

After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying,

Māshal, Hebrew Strong's #4910, is a verb used 81 times, translated as rule (38), ruler (19), reign (8), dominion (7), governor (4), ruled over (2), power (2), indeed (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Exodus 21:8 –

If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her.

Daniel 11:43 –

But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

‘Az, Hebrew Strong's #5794, is an adjective used 23 times, translated as strong (12), fierce (4), mighty (3), power (1), greedy (1), roughly (1), stronger (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Genesis 49:3 –

Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

‘Ōz, Hebrew Strong's #5797, is a noun used 93 times, translated as strength (60), strong (17), power (11), might (2), boldness (1), loud (1), mighty (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Leviticus 26:19 –

And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

Ezra 8:22 –

For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

Psalms 59:16 –

But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Psalms 62:11 –

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.

Psalms 63:2 –

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Psalms 66:3 –

Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

Psalm 78:26 –

He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind.

Psalm 90:11 –

Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.

Psalm 150:1 –

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Ezekiel 30:6 –

Thus saith the LORD; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.

Habakkuk 3:4 –

And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

‘Izzûz, Hebrew Strong's #5808, is an adjective used 2 times, translated as strong (1) and power (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Isaiah 43:17 –

Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

‘Ārîṣ, Hebrew Strong's #6184, is an adjective used 20 times, translated as terrible (8), terrible one (5), oppressor (3), mighty (1), power (1), strong (1), violent (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Psalm 37:35 –

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Ŝûr, Hebrew Strong's #7786, is a verb used 3 times, translated as reign (1), have power (1), made prince (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Hosea 12:3 –

He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God:

Shālaṭ, Hebrew Strong's #7980, is a verb used 8 times, translated as rule (4), give power (3), dominion (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Esther 9:1 –

Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the

enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)

Ecclesiastes 5:19 –

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 6:2 –

A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

Shelēf, Hebrew Strong's #7981, is a verb used 7 times, translated as ruler (4), have power (1), have mastery (1), rule (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Daniel 3:27 –

And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.

Shilṭôn, Hebrew Strong's #7983, is a noun used 2 times, translated as “power” in the following verses:

Ecclesiastes 8:4 –

Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

Ecclesiastes 8:8 –

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Shallit, Hebrew Strong's #7989, is an adjective used 4 times, translated as governor (1), mighty(1), that hath power (1), ruler (1). It is translated as “that hath power” in the following verse:

Ecclesiastes 8:8 –

There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

Šārâ, Hebrew Strong's #8280, is a verb used 2 times. It is translated as “power” in the following verses:

Genesis 32:28 –

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Hosea 12:4 –

Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him in Bethel, and there he spake with us;

Ta ‘aşumôt, Hebrew Strong's #8592, is a noun used 1 time, as “power” in the following verse:

Psalms 68:35 –

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

Tōqep, Hebrew Strong's #8633, is a noun used 3 times. It is translated as power (1), strength (1), authority (1). It is translated as “power” in the following verse:

Esther 10:2 –

And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?
